

MINERAL RESOURCES.

No. 25 of 1951.

AN ACT to make provision with respect to the investigation, and exploration of the mineral resources of this State, and for matters incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 This Act may be cited as the *Mineral Resources Act* Short title. 1951.

- 2**—(1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears— Interpretation.
- “earth” means earth as defined in the *Mining Act* 1929*;
 - “Fund” means the Mineral Resources Trust Fund mentioned in section six;
 - “mineral,” includes all minerals, metals, earth, and stone existing on or below the surface of any land;
 - “mineral deposits” means deposits of any mineral or of the ore of any mineral;
 - “stone” means stone as defined in the *Mining Act* 1929*;
 - “the Director” means the Director of Mines.

3 Nothing in this Act shall prejudice or affect the provisions of the *Mining Act* 1929* or the *Aid to Mining Act* 1927† or the *Aid to Mining (Drilling) Act* 1947‡ and the powers and functions conferred on the Minister and the Director, respectively, by or under this Act shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of, the powers and functions conferred on them respectively by those Acts. Savings.

4—(1) The Minister may do all such acts and things, and enter into such contracts, as he may consider necessary or desirable for the purposes of, or in connection with, the investigation and exploration of the mineral resources of this State. Development, &c., of mineral resources.

* 20 Geo. V. No. 71. For this Act, as amended to 1936, see Reprint of Statutes, Vol. V., p. 494. Subsequently amended by 4 Geo. VI. No. 20 and 8 & 9 Geo. VI. No. 24.

† 18 Geo. V. No. 47. For this Act, as amended to 1936, see Reprint of Statutes, Vol. V., p. 572.

‡ 11 Geo. VI. No. 46.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Minister may—

- (a) cause to be constructed, re-constructed, repaired, and maintained in such places as the Minister may consider desirable such roads, tracks, river crossings, and other means of communication as he may consider necessary or convenient for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) devise plans for the systematic investigation and exploration of the mineral resources of this State, and engage in, or organise parties for the purpose of engaging in, exploration and prospecting; and make advances, and grant such other assistance as he thinks fit, to persons engaged or about to engage, in exploration and prospecting;
- (c) in such localities as he thinks fit, cause to be erected, installed, and maintained such buildings, structures, plant, machinery, equipment, and facilities as he may consider necessary or desirable for the accommodation and use of officers or employees, or groups of officers or employees, stationed or to be stationed in those localities for any of the purposes of this Act;
- (d) cause to be carried out such geological, geophysical, topographical, and other surveys as he considers necessary or desirable for the purposes of this Act;
- (e) by himself or by his servants, employees, or agents, engage in percussion drilling operations, diamond drilling operations, and other boring operations, and make advances, and grant such other assistance as he thinks fit, to persons engaged, or about to engage, in any such operations;
- (f) make advances, and grant such other assistance as he thinks fit, to persons engaged, or about to engage, in mining operations and metallurgical operations;
- (g) purchase and use such plant, machinery, vehicles, equipment, and animals as he may consider necessary or desirable for the purposes of this Act, and let on hire to any person any such plant, machinery, vehicles, equipment, or animals;
- (h) engage such employees as he may consider necessary for the purposes of this Act and pay to those employees such wages, and such travelling and other allowances, as he may determine;
- (i) promote or undertake research or inquiry with respect to the treatment of any mineral or ore or the marketing of any mineral or mineral product; and

- (j) exercise such other powers and functions, and perform such duties, as may be necessary or convenient for the due administration of this Act or as may be prescribed.

5—(1) The Treasurer may borrow any sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of £200,000, for the purposes of this Act. Borrowing powers.

(2) Subject to the directions of the Treasurer the moneys borrowed under the authority of this section may be applied in or towards defraying any costs and expenses incurred in the exercise or performance of any powers, functions, or duties conferred or imposed on the Minister by or under this Act.

6—(1) There shall be kept in the books of the Treasury a fund, to be called the Mineral Resources Trust Fund. Mineral Resources Trust Fund.

(2) There shall be credited to the Fund—

- (a) such moneys as may from time to time be provided by Parliament for the purpose;
- (b) all moneys received by the Minister by way of repayment of advances made under this Act, being advances which were made out of the Fund;
- (c) all moneys received in respect of the hire thereof from persons to whom any plant, machinery, vehicles, equipment, or animals is or are let on hire by the Minister pursuant to section four; and
- (d) all other moneys received by, or paid to the Minister in consequence of the exercise or performance by the Minister of any of the powers, functions, and duties conferred or imposed on him by or under this Act, or which the Treasurer directs to be credited to the Fund.

(3) Any moneys provided by Parliament for the purpose and credited to the Fund may be expended in the financial year in respect of which they are provided or in any subsequent financial year or financial years, or may be expended partly in any one financial year and partly in any other financial year or financial years.

(4) Subject to the directions of the Treasurer, there shall be debited to the Fund all costs and expenses (other than costs of administration) incurred in or in connection with the exercise and performance of the powers, functions, and duties conferred or imposed on the Minister by or under this Act, not being costs or expenses which are, with the approval of the Treasurer, defrayed out of the moneys borrowed under the authority of section five.

7—(1) The Minister may, in relation to any matters or class of matters, by instrument in writing under his hand, delegate to the Director such of the powers and functions conferred on the Minister by or under this Act (other than this Delegation of powers by Minister. Cf. No. 20 of 1949, s. 12.

power of delegation as may be specified in the instrument of delegation, so that the powers or functions so delegated may, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation, be exercised by the Director with respect to the matters or class of matters so specified.

(2) Every delegation under this section shall be revocable at the will of the Minister, and no delegation shall prevent the exercise of any power or function by the Minister.

Regulations.

8 The Governor may make regulations for the purposes of this Act, and, in addition to any other matters which may be prescribed, any such regulations may—

- (a) prescribe the conditions under which, and the terms on which, advances may be made under this Act, and the nature and form of security to be taken therefor and proceedings to be taken in case of default in the repayment thereof;
- (b) regulate the making of application for advances and other assistance and require any information or particulars furnished in support of any such application to be verified by statutory declaration;
- (c) prescribe the conditions upon and subject to which assistance (other than advances) may be granted to any person pursuant to this Act.

MEDICAL.

No. 26 of 1951.

AN ACT to amend the *Medical Act* 1918.

[18 May, 1951.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

**Short title
and citation.**

- 1**—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Medical Act* 1951.
 (2) The *Medical Act* 1918*, as subsequently amended is in this Act called the Principal Act.

**Medical
Council.**

- 2** Section three of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in subsection (1), after the words “, nine members”, the words “, with a common seal and perpetual succession”.

* 9 Geo. V. No. 71. For this Act, as amended to 1936, see Reprint of Statutes, Vol. V., p. 351. Subsequently amended by 10 Geo. VI. No. 28.